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In re Application of:

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| Inventor:   | R. Anton et al.                           | ) | Confirmation No: | 1914            |
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| Serial No.: | 10/574,722                                | ) | Examiner:        | W. Fletcher III |
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| Filed:      | April 6, 2006                             | ) | Group Art Unit:  | 1792            |
| Title       | METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF A COATING SYSTEM |   |                  |                 |

**Commissioner For Patents**  
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Sir:

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2009, the Examiner asserts that the claims include two patentably distinct groups and requires Applicant to select for examination one of the following groups:

Group I      Claims 22-37, drawn to a method for producing a layer system on a component, and

Group II      Claims 35-41, drawn to a heat resistant componet.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's determination of patentable distinctness between each of the Groups and in response elect, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes the patentably distinct invention specified in **Group 1 (claims 22-37)**. However, Applicant urges the Examiner to **carefully reconsider** the patentable distinctness determinations made as set forth in MPEP 806.04(h) and 808.01(a) in regards to the impact on prior art references in future divisional applications.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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